



2023
EXCELLENCE IN
HOUSING
AWARDS

ENTRY GUIDELINES



THE AWARDS

The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Housing Awards are the state's most prestigious residential building awards. They celebrate excellence in construction, innovation and quality in the building industry. The Housing Awards showcase the very best in residential construction and attract a broad cross section of the residential building sector, including display home builders, contract builders, apartment constructors and contractors specialising in additions, alterations and renovations.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- Entries must be submitted by **Friday 17 March**.
- Open to both members of MBA NSW and non-members.
- Projects must have been completed within the period of 17 March 2021 to 17 March 2023.
- Projects must have obtained HBCF Certificate and must not be Owner Builder.
- Projects judged previously may not be resubmitted.
- Builder/Site Manager responsible for the project must be available for onsite visits/judging between April 2023 – Mid July 2023.



KEY DATES

ENTRIES CLOSE:
Friday 17 March

JUDGING PERIOD:
April 2023 - Mid Jul 2023

AWARDS EVENING:
Saturday 16 September

JUDGING CRITERIA

All entrants must demonstrate excellence in the following criteria:

- Quality of Construction
- Design Challenges
- Use of Materials
- Value for money
- Innovation



JUDGING

The entrant must obtain permission from the client prior to judging which will take place between **April - Mid July 2023** approximately. Internal and external access to the project is required. Any time that is not suitable for onsite judging must be declared on the online form; if judging restrictions are not declared changes to allocations cannot be made. Entrants will receive at least one weeks' notice once a judging date has been allocated. The onsite contact must be the builder responsible for the project.

The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges reserve the right to reclassify any entry. Should this occur, affected entrants will be notified. A winner may not necessarily be declared in all categories.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Both entrants and winners of the MBA Excellence in Housing Awards receive media coverage as part of their participation in these prestigious industry awards. All entrants are featured in the MBA's Excellence in Housing Annual published in conjunction with Universal Media Co and distributed, via sales in newsagencies to the wider consumer market.

If you would like further information on additional advertising options please [click here](#).

Some entries may also be featured during a televised broadcast of the Excellence in Housing Awards.



PHOTOGRAPHY ASSISTANCE

A professional photography service is available at a cost of **\$682 (inc GST)** per entry located in the Sydney metropolitan area. Additional costs will apply for entries outside the Sydney metropolitan area. Please opt for this option whilst completing the online entry form. MBA will arrange this service with the photographer on your behalf. The photographer will contact you to lock in a date and time to photograph your project.

ENTRY FEES

MEMBERS:
\$550 (inc GST)

NON-MEMBERS:
\$770 (inc GST)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entries are judged by a team of expert judges. The following information is required to give judges guidance prior to the onsite inspection. You are required to provide the following information:

A. Online Entry

Please complete and submit an online entry form at mbansw.awardsplatform.com by 5:00 PM on **Friday 17 March 2023**.

B. Documentation

- Declaration to confirm HBCF (formerly Home Owners Warranty) has been obtained where applicable.
- Description of entry
- Company profile
- A4 floor plans; relevant categories should also include simplified 'before' floor plans
- List of manufactures and/or suppliers
- Sales brochure *for Display Home entries only*
- Excellence in Sustainability - Please include a project overview describing how your entry fulfilled the energy efficiency and/or environmental management outcomes

C. Digital Images

Digital images MUST be submitted with entries. Images provided will be used in the audio-visual presentation and print media; good quality images will better profile your entry. Entrants are responsible for the quality of all images. Relevant categories must also supply before photos.

- Minimum resolution of 300 dpi
- Format: JPEG or PNG

D. Authorisation

The builder and the client must each signify their consent to the project being entered into the awards and willingness to be bound by the rules including accompanying publicity, by signing the authorisation form.

2023 AWARD CATEGORIES

Some of the below categories are broken down into price categories dependent upon the total construction cost of the project. Other categories remain as open price.

- **Adaptive Re-Use**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Best use of Australian Made Product**
– Nominations must accompany an entry
- **Contract Houses**
- **Design & Construct – House**
- **Display Homes**
- **Excellence in Sustainability - Housing**
- **Granny Flats**
- **Home Unit Renovation**
- **Home Units**
- **House Alterations/Additions**
- **House Restoration/Additions**
- **Project Homes**
- **Residential Warehouse Renovation**
- **Roof & Attic Conversions**
- **Town Houses or Villas/Dual Occupancy**
- **Specialist Contractor of the Year**
Nominations must accompany an entry
- **Specialist Purpose Housing Project**
- **Young Builder of the Year -**
Nominations must accompany an entry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the Excellence in Housing Awards?

The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Housing are the state's most prestigious residential building awards. The Awards showcase the very best in residential construction and attract a broad cross section of the residential building sector, including display home builders, contract builders, apartment constructors and contractors specialising in additions, alterations and renovations.

Who can enter the Excellence in Housing Awards?

The awards are open to both members and non-members of MBA NSW within the residential sector of the building industry.

Is this information for the Regional Awards as well?

No, this information is for the State Awards, these awards are run independently from the Regional Awards. Regional projects **are** eligible to enter into the State Awards. Entrants wishing to be judged for the Regional Awards should enter through the relevant regional office.

Can I resubmit a project I entered last year?

No, previous entries that were judged cannot be resubmitted.

What documentation do I need to submit an entry?

All the required documentation can be found on page 4 of this booklet under section B.

Can I submit a project without a HBCF Certificate?

If you did not obtain a HBCF Certificate, the entry is **not** eligible. A declaration form to confirm that the appropriate insurance has been obtained is a requirement when submitting the online entry form. Please note *some projects (e.g. Home Units under 3 floors) may be exempt from obtaining a HBCF Certificate.*

Can I submit my own photos?

We encourage entrants to submit their own photos providing they are at least 300dpi and meet all photography requirements listed on page 4 under section C of this booklet.

I don't have photos, can I still submit a project?

Yes, you can submit your entry and send photos to events@mbansw.asn.au later. We also offer a professional photography service; you can opt for this option when completing the online entry form.

Can I submit a project that is still under construction?

No, projects under construction at the time of the entry deadline are not eligible.

Can I enter a joint venture?

Yes, you can. Please ensure you add both company names when completing the entry form and ensure the authorisation form is signed by all parties.

What is the cost to enter the awards?

The cost to enter a project for members is \$550 (inc GST). Non-member fees are \$770 (inc GST).

Can I enter a confidential project?

Yes, when entering a confidential project, please add **CONFIDENTIAL** to the company name when submitting an entry. Please note client information will never be published.

Can I request early or late judging?

Specific judging requests can be submitted, however these will be granted at the discretion of the Awards & Events Team. It is deemed the only legitimate reason for this request is due to availability of the client.

How old can a project be?

A project must have been completed within a two year period prior to the entry closing date.

How to enter:

All entries for the 2023 Excellence in Housing Awards are to be submitted online by 5:00 PM on **Friday 17 March 2023.**

mbansw.awardsplatform.com

[Click here to enter](https://mbansw.awardsplatform.com)



[@mbaawardsnsw](https://www.instagram.com/mbaawardsnsw)



[/mbansw](https://www.facebook.com/mbansw)



events@mbansw.asn.au